

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 14, 2006
UU220, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:15 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting of January 3, 2006 were approved.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) The Social Hour, co-hosted by the President's Office and the College of Engineering, will be held Thursday, February 23, from 4-6 pm at Veranda Conference Room. Cornel Morton, Warren Baker, and Tylor Middlestadt will speak at the State of the Student Address, which will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006. It is requested that all caucus chairs encourage their faculty members to review and submit the Faculty Interest Questionnaires that were distributed last week. Elections for 2006-2007 Senators are proceeding well but there continue to be vacancies.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The CSU is convening a summit on Math and Science Teaching and Education on March 2, 2006 in Southern California where President Baker has been asked to MC the event and provide a presentation on the subject. This will be a good opportunity to get all campuses across the system together to discuss the CSU efforts to increase the number of science and math teachers.
 - C. Provost Office: None.
 - D. Statewide Senators: None.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Feroohar) The CFA Executive Board is sponsoring George Diehr, CFA Bargaining Team and Cal PERS Board Member who will be on campus on Thursday, February 23 from 6:15-7:30 pm in Phillips Hall to discuss bargaining, FERP, and the future of salary and pension. Please RSVP at CFA 756.2717 or email cfa@calpoly.edu in order to plan refreshments accordingly. CFA is in the process of revising its Bylaws by expanding the Executive Board membership. All board positions are up for election during the upcoming CFA chapter elections.
 - F. ASI Representative: (Middlestadt) ASI elections are coming up the first week in May and candidates are currently being recruited. The Cal State Student Association is taking applications for the 2007-2009 Student Trustee position; deadline for application is February 22, 2006. The ASI Board of Directors unanimously supported a resolution calling for a standard course syllabi from all faculty members. The ASI Board of Directors approved a resolution urging the Academic Senate to appoint a representative to the ASI Board of Directors. It is requested that faculty announce to all their students the State of the Student Address, which will take place on Thursday, February 23, 2006, and it is a great opportunity to find out what is going on at Cal Poly.
 - G. Other: None.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Academic Senate and University committee appointments/Academic Senate committee chair appointments for 2005-2006/7:** The following appointments were made and approved:

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Curriculum Committee

Dan Villegas

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Cultural Pluralism Requirement Subcommittee

Caixing Gu

Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee

Beth Chance

UNIVERSITYWIDE COMMITTEES

Intellectual Property Review Committee

Roberta Herter

- B. **Resolution on Textbook pricing:** Foroohar, chair of the faculty Affairs Committee. This resolution encourages faculty to consider price and the need for new editions when selecting textbooks as well as submitting their textbook requests by the set deadline to ensure the availability. M/S/P to agendize.

VI. Discussion Item (s):

- A. **Presentation to Senate of Greek community assessment results.** Hannings – The office of Greek Affairs conducted a survey where a large amount of data was collected comparing academic results of 1500 freshmen and 150 freshmen pledging fraternity. The result indicated that GPA did not vary much between the two groups. It was decided not to explore this issue any further.
- B. **College of Education representation on the Academic Senate Executive Committee.** Hannings – Giving the small size of their college, the Executive Committee decided to give them the option to attend the meetings if so desired.
- C. **Faculty representation on Senate and universitywide committees.** Hannings – ASI strongly requests that a representative be appointed to the ASI Board of Directors.
- D. **New scheduling time patterns for fall 2006.** Schaffner - 29% of Statistics courses are taught on a 3-day 70-minute format, which is pedagogical ideal for those courses and would not want to see that option eliminated. The Academic Senate Instruction Committee has not been able to discuss this situation. After much discussion, it was recommended that the Academic Senate Instruction Committee work with the universitywide Registration and Scheduling Committee to come up with an more efficient campuswide class schedule.

VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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